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Subject: Mats Mats Quarry

Gordon Gibbs
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Dear Mr. Gibbs:

The Environmental Impact Statement for Mats Mats Quarry never does state that no harm will come to the environment or to off site wells. It repeatedly describes problems as not to be anticipated. This casual attitude is alarming to neighbors who are convinced that mining below sea level will create severe problems for them and the environment.

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Environmental problems are more easily avoided than corrected. A responsible government decision which stops mining at sea level is the necessary step required to avoid problems.

Fresh, clean drinking water is becoming a premium commodity throughout our Country. Then why do we work so hard to find ways to pollute it? An unwise decision by planners to allow mining to minus 30 feet or to a minus 60 feet below sea level may well become a monumental expense for government to correct when things go bad. A mining company can bail out at any time leaving Jefferson County or Washington State DNR with a huge pit to fill.

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Close this operation down when mined to sea level.

Sincerely,

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Response to Letter 26

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1. Comment acknowledged. Please refer to the *Groundwater* section this Final EIS for an overview of groundwater conditions under the *Proposed Action*.
2. Although the groundwater analysis prepared for this EIS indicates a very low probability of proposed mining impacting off-site wells, a Groundwater Monitoring Program is proposed to verify that proposed mining would not result in well impacts and identify a range of remedies. Please refer to *Appendix I* and *Appendix IX* for detail on the Plan. . Because of the low potential for impacts to off-site production wells, provision of a performance bond is not deemed warranted.